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October 11, 2002

**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 02-155**  
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Pastor Steven M. Palmer  
Bethlehem Christian Center & School  
1858 Maple Street  
PO Box 303  
Bethlehem, NH 03574

Subject: Bethlehem - Public Water System: Bethlehem Christian Center & School (EPA #0245020)

Dear Pastor Palmer:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Bethlehem Christian Center & School water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**August 2002 and September 2002**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- By October 25, 2002**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
2. **By November 8, 2002**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report including recommendations and an implementation schedule to correct the water system deficiencies.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

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The copy of the consultant's written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

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Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
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Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854, or by e-mail at [aleach@des.state.nh.us](mailto:aleach@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Giunta', is written over a large, bold, black 'COPY' stamp. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit  
Stanley Borkowski, Health Officer, Town of Bethlehem  
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